REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to change the multiple dependent claim to a single dependent claim in order to reduce the government filing fee.

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APPENDIX A

"CLEAN" VERSION OF EACH PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(i)

CLAIMS (with indication of amended or new):

(Amended) 10. Apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the first cleaning device comprises a fabric material which engages with a surface of the mold halves during cleaning.

(New) 14. Apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the first cleaning device comprises a fabric material which engages with a surface of the mold halves during cleaning.

APPENDIX B

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) AND (c)(ii)

CLAIMS:

10. Apparatus according to claim 8 [or claim 9], wherein the first cleaning device comprises a fabric material which engages with a surface of the mold halves during cleaning.